

Psalm 22:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

Analysis

The 'meek' (Hebrew: anavim, humble/afflicted) inherit blessing—a theme Jesus echoed (Matt. 5:5). 'Eat and be satisfied' evokes messianic banquet imagery, anticipating the Lord's Supper and the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9). 'Your heart shall live forever' promises eternal life to those who seek the LORD. Reformed theology sees this as effectual calling: those who seek God do so because God first sought them (John 6:44), and their seeking results in eternal satisfaction.

Historical Context

Temple worship included sacrificial meals where worshipers ate portions of peace offerings. These communal meals symbolized fellowship with God and each other. The language anticipates the greater feast of redemption through Christ.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does meekness (humility before God) lead to satisfaction that pride never provides?
2. In what ways does the Lord's Supper satisfy your spiritual hunger?

Interlinear Text

דָּרְשָׁנִים יְהִי כָּלֵל וְאֶכְלָל
shall eat The meek and be satisfied they shall praise the LORD that seek
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לְעוֹד מִתְּבָבָבְךָ יְהִי כָּלֵל
shall live him your heart for ever
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 69:32 (Parallel theme): The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

Isaiah 65:13 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:

Psalms 40:16 (References Lord): Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

Isaiah 25:6 (References Lord): And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.